As to lies about animal abuse and convictions and volunteers with Tri State Shepherd Rescue:

Many of our volunteers have had awful experiences with the Phila SPCA, as have many rescues and dog owners over the years. The Phila SPCA is known to kill and hurt dogs to get even and to be abusive. There are dozens of Pennsylvania reported cases in the courts. (Snead v. PaSPCA Document Snead v. SPCA) There are multiple stories in the papers regularly and publicized where an owner’s dog is turned in and killed immediately knowing someone was coming for the dog.

In April 2010 a rescue we worked with had 3 dogs seized by the Phila SPCA and they refused to return them. I was a civil rights lawyer for many years and on the board but resigned from the Board ad became the rescue’s lawyer. Under federal practice you cannot be both. I filed for a federal injunction and by May 2010 won. (Federal Injunction The Phila SSPCA was humiliated and still refused to return our dogs. Phila SPCA appealed. They lost. (Third Circuit Affirms) We got our dog s back.

In 2013 having won the substance we were headed into the fee quantification phase. The Phila SPCA pays us. On 2/22/13 Discovery was extended in the civil case. (Court Order Extending civil discovery sent to Silva and Anderson as civil defense attorney).

By February 2013 the Phila SPCA lawyer Anderson in the civil case became friends with local Marcus Hook mayor famous for her drug episodes, a friend of his convicted felon and addict/convicted liar Quillen (See Quillen Crim Docket Volumes) and had her self appointed “criminal attorney” AT THE SAME TIME SHE WAS A CIVIL ATTORNEY IN THE FEDERAL CASE to seize any dog near me and to prosecute me and also Samantha Kenney for any kind of crime.

At that time I rented a 2 room office in a series of connected multiple unit buildings. (See Findings of Fact, Judge Durham April 2016).There were 9 units including apartments and offices in several buildings. Each was occupied and had the peoples’ dogs in them. The Phila SPCA, drug crazed mayor and the civil lawyer locked the dogs in the buildings for over 8 to 14 hours. Mostly those dogs would have gone out at 4-5 pm and again but they were left on purpose to suffer until 2 am onward. No one was allowed in. The Phila SPCA and the Drug crazed mayor went on news blitzes that evening. The mayor then spent the rest of his evening having his police kidnap a teenage boy from the next town to hold him at gunpoint for sexual favors. (criminal charge and certified verdict attached). The other person from Marcus Hook helping was a convicted perjurer and heroin addict. His volumes of criminal conviction files attached. Samantha was charged, tried July 2013 and found not guilty. Her reputation was destroyed from the publicity. She lost her job. She lost her apartment. The Phila SPCA killed her one dog and gave away her other. The Phila SPCA took her 3 fosters who had been ferile and Lord knows what they did.

My office was dusty. I had one dog in it. They took him and killed him.

Various dogs owned and being fostered in the units of the buildings were being treated for cancer and HW and other illnesses including EPI. The Phila SPCA did not want to know. They put them down.

The first step the Phila SPCA and their civil attorney appointed “prosecutor” was to try a “criminal” case to an inferior court judge who has no legal training. The Phila SPCA said there was no active civil case and that magistrate did not know how to read a federal docket and court order showing to the contrary.

When the matter went to the Court of Common Pleas, a legally constitutionally trained judge tried the case. It took years. The first thing the Court did was to remove the Phila SPCA civil attorney Anderson. (See Court Order Removing Anderson attached). A civil attorney for a party cannot be a prosecutor at the same time against its civil opponent. It is unconstitutional, unethical and illegal.

The cases went to hearings with testimony and evidence and constitutional and legal arguments were made. The Phila SPCA was FOUND to be lying. I was FOUND to be telling the truth. (See Judge Durham Findings of Fact ). The Judge issued her Legal Opinion of July 28, 2016 after discussing the legal violations by the Phila SPCA. Finally in June of 2017 the Court awarded sanctions and dismissed all of the cases on motions for the above as of Junne 20, 2017 (See Docket dismissing all cases after sanctions and adverse inferences).

So please do not tell me about animal abuse or lie about convictions. Read. Think. Analyze. IT MATTERS.

Two of the many volunteers here have done more to fight animal abuse from the Phila SPCA – most frequently from places like the Phila SPCA than elsewhere - than others involved in rescue. The gossip ends here.

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